Drought in States

3356. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the drought situation prevailing in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Consecuitvely for the past 3-4 years, the State Governments have requested for the Central Assistance for relief measures and for mitigating the hardships of the farmers;

(b) if so, the demands, so made, during the last three years and the extent to which the same was met from the Calamity Reflief Funds and National Contingency Fund, State-wise; and

(c) how it was related to the loss/damage to crop suffered in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No assistance has been sought by any State for mitigation of consecutive droughts.

(b) and (c) Details of assistance demanded and released from National Calamity contingency Fund (NCCF) to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan for droughts of 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are indicated in the statement enclosed (See *below).* This Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for these years to the respective States.

Statement

Details of assistance provided to drought affected states from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF)

(Rs. in crores)

State	Drought of 2002-03		Drought of 2003-04		Drought of 2004-05	
	Demand	Release	Demand	Release	Demand	Release
Andhra Pradesh	1860.00	123.51	859.88	50.58	1199.68	40.01
Madhya Pradesh	819.62	171.66	—	—	724.88	1.70
Maharashtra	1730.61	20.00	1715.00	250.69	988.37	103.07*
Rajasthan	7519.76	889.61	—	' —	2378.64	216.79

*for Drought/Hailstorm